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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 10/630 377

Filing Date: July 30, 2003

Confirmation No.: 8948

Title: CONTAINER

Inventor(s): Gianfranco D'AMATO

Group: 1794

Examiner: Bruenjes

Please direct correspondence to the address associated with the following customer number:

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FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.
(FIRM)

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114
 - a. ☒ An amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on December 13, 2007 was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
 - b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card

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v. ☐ _____.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

b. ☐ _____.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR \$1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	() SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$810.00	\$405.00	\$810.00
Total Claims	(43 - 43 = 0)		x \$ 50.00		x \$ 25.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	(3 - 3 = 0)		x 210.00		x \$105.00	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$370.00		+ \$185.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 810.00

- b. ☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three month(s). The extension fee is:

☒ \$1,050.00 (37 CFR \$1.17)

☐ \$ (37 CFR \$1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).

- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR \$1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$_____ (37 CFR \$1.17(i)).

- d. ☒ A check for \$1,860.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

- f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 CFR \$1.17 associated with this communication or to

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record

☐ acting under 37 CFR §1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at
telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

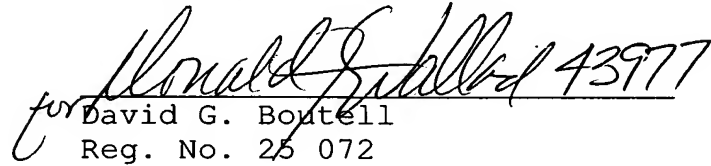
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Encl: Listed above

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